• **Protect health care** – increases funds for child health insurance to serve up to 100,000 children and expands a Community Cares program to prevent more expensive treatments

Jobs and Economic Development

- Create 100,000 jobs with public capital investment Over 100,000 jobs will be created through the Moving Ahead! initiative, investments through university bonds and completion of the harbor deepening in Wilmington.
- **Keep taxes manageable** The Governor's proposed freeze of the unemployment insurance tax rate will save businesses \$100 million next year. Small businesses that exempt will save \$19 million, and companies using accelerated depreciation will save even more.
- Create the right environment for jobs of the future. Work on the biomanufacturing initiative for our universities and community colleges is coming to fruition. The Governor will have some additional resources to target industries in a smart, effective manner to come to or expand in North Carolina. The state will also provide some tax rebates for companies making large capital investments in industries of the future. (tentative)
- **Target economic development resources effectively.** The One North Carolina Fund has led to high wage jobs and significant capital investment. The Governor may use more funds to help attract crucial business projects.
- **Helping small business.** Besides the unemployment insurance tax cut and the expensing reduction, the Governor asked for a committee to be appointed to explore ways to benefit small business, an engine of economic growth.

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